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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA: ALLIED DEMARCHE OVER SECOND TECHNICAL
REISSUANCE OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA

REF: USUN 5054

1. ON OCTOBER 16, PURSUANT TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE
WORKING GROUP ON PROCEDURAL TACTICS FOR THE FRIENDLY
RESOLUTION ON KOREA (REFTEL), AMBASSADOR BENNETT, U.K,
DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MURRAY, AND FRENCH CHARGE
LECOMPT MADE A JOINT DEMARCHE ON U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL
WALDHEIM. THEY PROTESTED THE SECRETARIAT'S REISSUANCE OF
THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION WITHOUT CONSULTING ITS COSPONSORS.
PRESENT ALSO WERE U.N. UNDER SECRETARIES GENERAL SHEVCHENKO
(POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS) AND SUY (THE LEGAL
COUNSEL). BENNETT LODGED A MOST VIGOROUS PROTEST SOLIDLY
SUPPORTED BY MURRAY AND LECOMPT. (WE HAD IT ON IMPECC-
ABLE AUTHORITY BEFOREHAND THAT SOVIET PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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MALIK AND THE NORTH KOREANS HAD USED SHEVCHENKO TO EFFECT

THE REISSUANCE. THIS WAS A TRANSPARENT EFFORT TO SOW
CONFUSION AS TO OUR RESOLUTION'S VOTING PRIORITY.)

2. AFTER TRYING TO CLAIM THAT FIRST COMMITTEE SECRETARY
BANERJEE HAD CONTACTED OUR SIDE BEFORE THE REISSUANCE,
SHEVCHENKO MADE PROFUSE APOLOGIES FOR THE SECRETARIAT'S
"OVERSIGHT" IN NOT CONSULTING THE COSPONSORS. HE OFFERED
THE EXPLANATION THAT THE REISSUANCE HAD BEEN DONE IN THE
INTEREST OF ACCURACY, SINCE SOME OF OUR COSPONSORS HAD
JOINED BY WAY OF THE FRENCH AMENDMENTS AND THIS WAS NOT
CLEAR IN THE FIRST REISSUANCE. SHEVCHENKO AND SUY OFFERED
ASSURANCES THAT THE REISSUANCE IN NO WAY AFFECTED OUR
RESOLUTION'S VOTING PRIORITY. ADDITIONALLY, SHEVCHENKO AND
SUY REGARDED THE ALGERIAN LETTER TO WALDHEIM (PARA 2 REFTL),
WHICH REQUESTED VOTING PRIORITY FOR THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION,
AS CLEAR ADMISSION BY THE OTHER SIDE THAT ITS RESOLUTION
DOES NOT ENJOY VOTING PRIORITY.

3. WALDHEIM ACTED THE ROLE OF CONCILIATOR. AT THE CLOSE,
SHEVCHENKO WAS EXPANSIVE IN HIS FAREWELLS AND APOLOGIES.
DURING THE MEETING, BENNETT HAD SPARED NO EFFORT TO UNDER-
SCORE THAT THIS WAS BY NO MEANS THE FIRST SUCH IRREGULARITY IN
THE SECRETARIAT'S HANDLING OF MATTERS AFFECTING OUR INTERESTS.
EACH TIME WE WERE TOLD THAT THERE HAD BEEN A MISTAKE. IF THE
MATTER IS TO BE VIEWED BY THE SECRETARIAT IN THAT LIGHT, THEN
THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE NEEDS
TO BE ATTENDED AND IMPROVED.

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